

## Colorado Round Dance Association Hall of Fame 2011

### Patrick and Eileen Krause



Patrick and Eileen Krause began square dancing in 1982 while they were both in college. Eileen drug Patrick to their first square lessons, sponsored by the Triple C squares and taught by Harold Davis. After completing mainstream lessons and joining the Triple C's, Patrick and Eileen became interested in the round dances done between square dance tips.

They took their first set of round dance lessons from Ty and Ann Rotruck at the Truck Stop in Aurora. Their favorite round dance was "That Happy Feeling". As anyone that dances with Patrick and Eileen can tell you, it is still one of their all-time favorites.

After college graduation, Patrick got a job with Boeing and they relocated to Seattle. In Seattle, their oldest daughter, Amanda, joined The Buckskin Kids Square Dance Club. The Buckskin Kids is one of the many active kid and teen square dancing clubs in the Seattle area. Patrick and Eileen served as The Buckskin Kids square dance presidents and coached the 1<sup>st</sup> place show square at The Pacific Northwest Teen Square Dance Festival. Patrick, Eileen, and their 3 children relocated back to the Denver area in 1987. They found their children's activities kept them busy, so they took a break from dancing.

In 2002, now with 5 children, Eileen once again got the dancing bug and Patrick and Eileen joined the Denver Area Multi-cycle square dance lessons and took round dance lessons from George and Peggy Smith. They joined the Swing Thru's Family square dance club.

Eileen and Patrick are always looking to expand their round dance knowledge, and Eileen would always ask George Smith, "How many more moves until we KNOW THEM ALL?" They took phase III lessons from George and Peggy Smith, and continue to take formal lessons from Chris and Terri Cantrell, Jim and Bonny Bahr, and John and Karen Herr. Patrick and Eileen continue to learn from those listed above, as well as Harold and Meredith Sears, Roy and Marcia Knight, and Earl and Judy Smith.

Their love for round dancing and the round dancing community led Patrick and Eileen to become members of CRDA. They have served 2 terms on the Board of Directors (2005-2007 and 2009-2011), and were Vice President for 2 years (2006 & 2007) and President for 3 years (2009, 2010, & 2011). They served as Assistant Gala Chaircouple in 2006, Gala Chaircouple in 2007 & 2008, and Patrick served as Gala Program Chair in 2010. They were Spring Dance Chaircouple in 2006 & 2007 and Spring Dance Program Chair in 2006 & 2007. They were Harvest Moon Chaircouple in 2005 & 2006, and Harvest Moon Program Chair in 2005, 2006, & 2009. They have also served on various CRDA committees, including Cues Selection, Round of the Month, and Gala Decoration.

Patrick & Eileen recognized there were dancers attending round dance lessons who did not square dance and, in 2009, they pioneered the CRDA Monthly Fun Dance program. The Fun Dances also gave round dancers a place to dance on the weekends. In order to expand the CRDA Round of the Month program, Patrick & Eileen also pioneered the online Round of the Month program. Patrick and Eileen wanted a better way to communicate with CRDA members and came up with the idea of using an email reflector list.

Patrick & Eileen have been members of Roundalab since 2006, where they have served on the Phase II Standards Committee, and currently serve on both the Phase IV Round of the Quarter Committee as well as the Phase VI Round of the Quarter Committee.

In 2006, Patrick took cueing lessons from John Herr, and cues at both square dances and CRDA dances.

Patrick & Eileen have been members of the International Choreographed Ballroom Dancers Association (ICBDA) since 2007.

Patrick & Eileen's choreography includes:  
Nothing On But The Radio, Phase III Cha  
Will You Dance With Me, Phase IV Slow Two Step  
Dancing Is ... Unforgettable, Phase V Foxtrot  
That Moonglow Gave Me You, Phase VI Foxtrot

Patrick & Eileen have been married 30 years and they have 5 children and 2 daughters-in-law: Amanda, John and his wife Monika, Jason and his wife Lauren, Elizabeth, and Matthew; and 3 grand-children: Kelsey, Fletcher, and Amelia.

Patrick & Eileen enjoy dancing and being involved in all aspects of CRDA. They look forward to serving on many more committees in the future. They treasure the many good friends they have made through dancing. They will be the first to tell you that no matter how long you dance, you never graduate and "know all the moves"!



Christmas at the Truck Stop 1984

(Probably dancing "That Happy Feeling"! If you look close, you can see their baby John's hand, holding on for dear life!)